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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of

) Group Art Unit 1724  
Examiner: Robert Arthur Clemente

Vincent L. Weber

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Serial No.: 10/731,380

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For: FLOOR CARE APPLIANCE  
WITH FILTER CLEANING  
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Amendment A (with Certificate of Mailing)

Three (3) replacement sheets of drawings containing Figs. 2, 3 and 4

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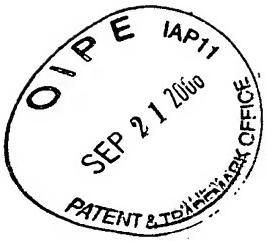
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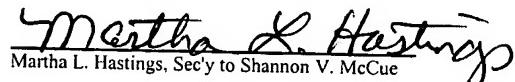
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**AMENDMENT A**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated August 16, 2006, the Applicant, through his attorney, responds as follows.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper..

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 7 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 9 of this paper and include 3 attached replacement sheets.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.